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To: Peterson, Todd [Peterson.Todd@epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: IMPORTANT - July SACC Meeting UPDATE

Hi Todd:

I can serve as a peer reviewer on the 1,4-dioxane document and those dates should be fine. Hopefully, you won't be discussing it at 8 am in DC (5 am California time). If you need help with one of the others (not HBCD or asbestos), let me know. At this point, I will just plan on 1,4-dioxane.

If my ribs heal quickly, I could potentially to come to DC, but they seem to be taking their time at the moment.

Dave

On Jul 8, 2019, at 9:38 AM, Peterson, Todd <Peterson.Todd@epa.gov> wrote:

Dr. Eastmond,

I am responding with sincere appreciation for your explanation of a circumstance that has a bearing on your participation in the July SACC meeting.

The agenda, as presently drafted, starts Monday and Tuesday with presentations and deliberations on **1,4-Dioxane**. If you are open to participating on just that one chemical review, then we welcome your participation for Monday and Tuesday.

Your expertise might have been very helpful later in the week, but having you participate in this review meeting may also lead to participation in future meetings were you are clear of complications (including fully healed)!

Please confirm that being a peer reviewer for the 1,4-Dioxane sessions works and we will move forward.

Best Regards,

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From: David Eastmond <eastmond@ucr.edu> **On Behalf Of** David Eastmond
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Hi Todd:

After looking at the materials on the website, I realized that HBCD had been used as a flame retardant and that I would have a potential conflict of interest that needs to be disclosed. In 2014, I wrote a letter to the Consumer Products Safety Commission advocating a ban or restriction on halogenated flame retardants in consumer products. This played a role in its decision to restrict the use of halogenated flame retardants as a class. I am attaching an updated conflict of interest statement with this information as well as some additional information related to asbestos. Given this information, I am assuming that you will not want me to review HBCD. If you would like me to serve as a reviewer for it, please let me know.

Dave

On Jun 28, 2019, at 9:58 AM, David Eastmond <eastmond@ucr1.edu> wrote:

Hi Todd:

I am still available and interested in general. I know nothing about Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (HBCD) so I can't say I have any interest or insights on that topic. I have done some work with 1,4-dioxane so I have more knowledge on that topic. I previously responded to the questions on my COI form but here they are again in expanded form in some cases.

[1] Do you know of any reason that you might be unable to provide impartial advice on the matter to come before the panel/committee/subcommittee or any reason that your impartiality in the matter might be questioned?

No, none that I am aware of.

[2] Have you had any previous involvement with the review document(s) under consideration including authorship,

collaboration with the authors, or previous peer review functions? If so, please identify and describe that involvement. No, not that I am aware of. One of the internal reviewers called me to ask me questions about the Roy et al. 2005 article on which I am an author but I have not seen the EPA document.

[3] Have you served on previous advisory panels, committees or subcommittees that have addressed the topic under consideration? If so, please identify those activities.

No. I am currently serving as a peer reviewer of the Health Canada's 1,4-Dioxane in Drinking Water document.

[4] Have you made any public statements (written or oral) on the issue that would indicate to an observer that you have taken a position on the issue under consideration? If so, please identify those statements.

I am not sure what the positions are for any of the agents under consideration. I have published a research article on 1,4-dioxane and genotoxicity (Roy et al., 2005) and have used it as an example in review articles that I have published. I am currently doing a peer review of a Health Canada document on 1,4-dioxane and I do not know whether that will be made public or not.

Dave

On Jun 28, 2019, at 7:54 AM, Peterson, Todd <Peterson.Todd@epa.gov> wrote:

To All ad hoc Candidates for the July SACC:

I am sending this to ad hoc peer review candidates under consideration for the July 29 to August 2, 2019, SACC peer review.

We have yet to conclude our full review of your file and the information requested here will be necessary to complete our review. Other information included below is helpful for the July and following SACC meetings. Note: if we do not place you on the panel for July, we will keep you in mind for future reviews.

1. To help us track who will be available to attend the July 29 to August 2nd meeting, please confirm **availability** and your **interest**, based on the chemical topics cited in this note.

2. **IMPORTANT** If you are going to attend the July Meeting, please respond to the following four questions on or before Monday, July 1, 2019, so we can complete the mandatory routine pre-meeting ethics review. You may answer them by reply email. You must answer these questions as they pertain to the two chemical risk evaluations under review, which are **Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (HBCD)** and **1, 4-Dioxane**, during the July 29 to August 2 SACC peer-review meeting.

[1] Do you know of any reason that you might be unable to provide impartial advice on the matter to come before the panel/committee/subcommittee or any reason that your impartiality in the matter might be questioned?

[2] Have you had any previous involvement with the review document(s) under consideration including authorship, collaboration with the authors, or previous peer review functions? If so, please identify and describe that involvement.

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[4] Have you made any public statements (written or oral) on the issue that would indicate to an observer that you have taken a position on the issue under consideration? If so, please identify those statements.

[**Option:** when ready, hit the '**Reply**' button on your email, then fill in your answers, then hit '**Send**' and I will document your answers to your file.]

NOTE: With the answers for the four questions we will be able to conduct a final review of your file. *We will contact you should there be any pending concerns regarding a possible conflict or appearance issue.*

IMPORTANT: You must be notified as 'selected' and confirmed on the roster for the meeting before you can officially work and charge your time as a peer reviewer.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

3. **In-Person Meeting agenda:** The draft agenda summarized in the FR Notice indicates a meeting start time of 1:00 PM (EDT) on Monday July 29, 2019, through 5:00 pm Friday, August 2, 2019; however, the meeting may end earlier on Friday, August 2, once the agenda is finalized or based on meeting discussions. More information on making travel arrangements will be provided.
4. **Virtual Meeting:** The FR Notice indicates we will hold the teleconference/webcast virtual preparatory meeting on July 10. SACC peer reviewers will call in at noon (Eastern Time) and the first hour will be a closed administrative committee meeting for all peer reviewers (including ad hoc reviewers). The purpose of the meeting is to consider the scope and clarity of the charge questions. This is not a session for technical deliberations and we will make charge question assignments for reviewers soon after this virtual meeting.

The public session will start at 1:00 PM and go to 4:00 PM or earlier (Eastern Time). I will provide phone number information and updates as we approach the teleconference/webcast date for the virtual preparatory meeting.

5. **Documents for Review:** If you are notified that you are selected as an ad hoc reviewer to participate in the peer review, you will be provided file access in the manner as noted here. The public docket will also contain the same files, but the following should make file access a bit more convenient for our peer reviewers.
 - a. We have tested an option that we will ask you try. As soon as the documents are available to me, I will place the files in a 'Microsoft OneDrive cloud' folder and will send a link to peer reviewers by email.
 - b. If you are successful, opening the link will take you to a web browser page and prompt you to enter your email address, then hit 'continue,' and a next page/step will ask you to retrieve a verification code (that will be sent in another email). Enter the code and hit the next button.
 - c. Once you enter the verification code you will be directed to what appears as another web page with a listing of files that you should be able to click on to view or also directly download to your computer. [there will be folders for each chemical and subfolders as needed to organize content]
 - d. If this method does not work for you, send me an email note and we can arrange to ship a disk or USB.

6. **For ad hoc SACC Members who will attend the July Meeting:** For selected ad hoc members, the link to the documents for review will be sent to your email. If you expect to be at the meeting and do not get an email with the link to documents by Wednesday, July 3, please let me know and I'll resend the link.

Added note: The 'cloud folder' will have two versions of the risk evaluation document (for each chemical). One version has HERO links for the general public and the other has HERO links for the SACC reviewers. I will name the SACC specific risk evaluation with "SACC HERO" in the filename.

7. **HERO database:** The draft risk evaluation documents will contain hyperlinks for cited literature. Our reviewers will be given information on how to register for special login credentials. When you log into the HERO database you will be able to see full text versions of references, even those that are copyrighted. I will send you instructions on how to register, the process is simple and takes only a few minutes to complete.

1. **Federal Register Notice (FRN)** announcing the meeting will publish on Monday, July 1, 2019.

The public inspection FR Notice is currently available and the web link is:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2019-14021.pdf>

Best Regards,

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